



Evans Water and Sewer Board

Evans Community Complex
Council Chambers
1100 37th Street, Evans, Colorado

Time and Date: December 17, 2020 @ 3:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Chairman: Jeff Oyler
Vice-Chairman: Glenn Snyder
Commissioners: Randy Blewer
Brett Bloom
Michael Thuener

Ex-Officio Members:

Mayor: Brian Rudy
City Manager: Jim Becklenberg

City Staff:

Randy Ready, Public Works Director
Scott Krob, City Attorney
Mark Oberschmidt, City Engineer
Scott Sandridge, Operations & Parks Manager
Robby Porsch, Wastewater Superintendent
Rick Pickard, Senior Civil Engineer
Karen Sabin, Public Works Administrative Specialist

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from 10.15.2020 regular board meeting

3. OTHER ITEMS

- A. Water Law Discussion (Scott Krob, City Attorney)
- B. 2021 Work Program Preview
 - 1. Capital Projects (Randy Ready)
 - Potable Water
 - Non-potable Water
 - Stormwater
 - Wastewater
 - 2. Operations
 - Water (Scott Sandridge, Rick Pickard)
 - Stormwater (Mark Oberschmidt)
 - Wastewater (Robby Porsch)



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Time and Date: **October 15, 2020 @ 3:30 p.m.**

1. **ROLL CALL – 03:30 pm**

Chairman: Jeff Oyler – present
Vice-Chairman: Glenn Snyder – present
Commissioners: Randy Blewer – present
Brett Bloom – present
Michael Thuener – not present

Ex-Officio Members:

Mayor: Brian Rudy – present
City Manager: Jim Becklenberg – not present

City Staff:

Randy Ready, Public Works Director
Mark Oberschmidt, City Engineer
Jacque Troudt, Finance Director
Karen Sabin, Public Works Administrative Specialist

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 03:30 pm**

Approval of minutes from 08.20.2020 regular board meeting
**Motion

3. **AGENDA ITEMS – 03:31 pm**

A. 2021 Utility Rate Recommendations (Jacque Troudt)

See .pptx presentation by topic: potable water (base rate and consumption rates), non-potable, storm drainage,

Question: On water, W&S recommended \$1 last year instead of \$0.50. Council approved \$0.75 as a medium.

Comment: As long as we're still able to build a cushion.

Comment: Yes, at \$0.50, we were marking time. \$0.75 gives us a little bit extra for maintenance or other needs.

City Discussion: Willowbrook service is different than other non-potable water systems. They are billed at a flat rate per quarter. We are proposing to bill them the same dollar rate but divide the fee into a monthly bill. We'd like to own the system for a while and take a look at any capital improvements that we may need to make to the system before we look at adjusting their fees. Ideally, we would like to meter people so that each customer pays by what they use, but these customers are used to the flat rate and so for now we'll leave it that way.

Question: Why does commercial potable water get billed at one rate?

Answer: That's a good question.

City Comment: That's a policy question we will be looking at next year.



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City Comment: City currently has about \$2 million that we are slowly setting aside toward the Greeley Treatment Capacity Expansion. Eventually we will hit the capacity cap and it is tremendously expensive when we do. The last time we hit the cap was 2012. Even though household usage has been going down each year, our population has been growing and we will hit the cap again at some point. This amount is being saved toward that eventuality.

City Comment: Randy's Public Works team has been doing a lot of work on line replacement, so the savings we are building on the wastewater fund will be available for that type of work as well as larger projects like plant expansion, etc.

System development fees (impact fees) are typically adjusted at a multi-city average increase cost in construction. Last year, this amount was higher (2.9%), but this year it is 1.8%. Jacque explains how the 1.8% will affect various fees.

Staff Comment: Greeley has recently looked at their impact fees and they prepared a comparison chart. Copy of chart to board members.

Potable Water – 04:00 pm

*****I move to recommend the proposed 2021 increase of \$0.75 to the base water rate and an increase of 6% to the water consumption rates. Second. Passes unanimously.***

Non-Potable Water – 04:01 pm

*****I move to recommend the proposed 2021 inflationary increase of 1.9% to the current non-potable water rate. Second. Passes unanimously.***

Wastewater – 04:03 pm

*****I move to recommend the proposed 2021 inflationary increase of 1.9% to the current wastewater rate. Second. Passes unanimously.***

Storm Drainage – 04:03 pm

*****I move to recommend the proposed 2021 inflationary increase of 1.9% to the current storm drainage rates. Second. Passes unanimously.***

System Development Fees – 04:04 pm

*****I move to recommend the proposed 2021 inflationary increase of 1.8% to the water, wastewater, and storm drainage system development fees. Second. Passes unanimously.***

4. PROJECT UPDATES – 04:04 pm**A. East Side Storm Sewer Loan Agreement and Project Update (Jacque Troutt/Mark Oberschmidt)**

After looking at the expected expense of the four East Side Storm Sewer projects, we reduced the number of projects to two: 31st Street and 35th Street/Heritage Outfall. Plan is to take care of the 31st Street Storm Outfall, then next year starting working on 35th Street/Heritage.

For 31st Street, we need to clean out and inspect the pipe that goes under the railroad and under the road. Restore them to original capacity and look for repair or replacement issues. Hopefully we will just have to line the pipes, not replace them. Also, we have an interchange that CDOT, Greeley, and Evans are all partially responsible for. We are going to start having meetings about what needs to be done there. Will have 60% plans for this project by mid-November.

Explains design/build process. Contractor has already been selected, so to keep the cost competitive, we'll have an independent cost estimator look over the plans and work up their own estimate. If it is lower than the contractor's, we will negotiate and try to get the best deal we can. Hopefully ready to build by next March (2021).

35th Street/Heritage: We had originally planned to bore under the highway for this project, but our borings indicated that that was a bad idea. We requested a variance from CDOT for an open cut and they approved it conceptually—they'll still need to approve the actual plans. Same thing on this phase of the work, we'll use our independent cost estimator to keep this competitive.

Got an SRF loan for \$8.6 million to cover the cost of these two projects. We will get the money in November.

Comment: I'm surprised CDOT let you cut the highway.

Question: How long will it take to clean out the pipes under the railroad?

Answer: Should just be a few days. We'll haul the sludge over to our yard on 1st. We can't use it, but we'll find something to do with it.

B. Tuscany Tract O (Mark Oberschmidt) – 04:22 pm

Tract O is cleaned out; it's back to what it was supposed to be: a subdivision irrigation system and storm drainage ponds. Over the years, the water found its way around the spillways and other structures and it has quite a bit of erosion. We need to re-grade the ponds and put in a bentonite lining. That design is complete and we're about to put it out



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to bid. We'd like to have it built by next spring so the subdivision can have their irrigation system.

WEP: Water Efficiency Plan has entered it's public comment period. Will come back to W&S for formal approval. Council has given \$100k approval for water efficiency.

Closing on Willowbrook system end of October.

Seventeen former Greeley customers are now going to be Evans customers. They were sort of Greeley outliers but now they're just going to sign on with us. Greeley will give us a raw water credit and that will even out the water bookkeeping.

Question: Will Evans just have to put in new meters?

Answer: Yes, they'll have Evans meters.

City is searching nationwide for a water foreman.

04:28 pm **Motion to adjourn. Second. Passes unanimously.